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Librarians Head to the Classrooms



Humanities & Sciences Librarian Mary Lou Baker Jones (foreground, kneeling) works individually with students in Sarah McGinley's English 102 class during Fall Quarter. She teamed with Engineering Librarian Phil Flynn and Humanities Librarian Charlotte Droll to talk with every student during the class time..

It could be called Librarians Without Borders. But for now let's just call it "in-class reference assistance."

Dunbar Reference Librarians began collaborating with English 102 instructors over a year ago to educate students about the Libraries' research and reference help.

"In-class reference assistance" places librarians in these writing classes to work one-on-one with students. Humanities Librarian Charlotte Droll created the program to meet the challenge of effectively reaching students early in their college careers.

It's difficult to stay up-to-date on constantly changing reference technologies and offerings, but instructors and students alike receive the latest information from librarians demonstrating online resources in the university's electronic classrooms. The Librarians present an overview of the catalog and databases, and then visit with each student individually to gauge their knowledge of compiling research.

As a result, students produce better work and are far more aware of the Libraries' resources and services.

One of the major points that the Libraries want students to understand is the difference between qualified, authorized online resources versus unofficial websites that may offer inaccurate information. The Libraries pay for access to accredited, accurate, and authoritative online databases and journals. These resources are therefore freely available to registered students plus WSU faculty and staff.

Information found on these sites is superior to the many unauthorized sites available through basic internet searches.

For more information about the Libraries' Reference & Instruction services, please contact Sue Polanka in Dunbar Library at 775-3142 (sue.polanka@wright.edu), or Bette Sydelko in Fordham Library at

A Note from the University Librarian Dr. Stephen P. Foster



Photo by WSU Center for Teaching & Learning

The New Year brings new opportunities and fresh resolve. I predict that 2005 will be a very good year for the WSU Libraries. Already there is good news to report. The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Libraries a \$5,000 grant that will fund a professional evaluation of our preserva-

tion efforts in Special Collections and Archives. The American Library Association and the National Library of Medicine have selected the WSU Libraries to host "The Changing Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians," a traveling exhibit developed by the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association.

With the help of the Provost and the support of our Friends of the Libraries Board, we hope to be able to renovate our Group Study Room on the Dunbar Library first floor. This space is a major gathering point for WSU students and very much needs to be improved. An architect has developed a design that will transform the room and make it a much more compelling space. The renovation of the Group Study Room will be the third major effort in the last three years to make the WSU Libraries more comfortable and inviting for students.

Lecture defines "Made in America" for 21st Century

Dr. Fall Ainina will present *Made in America: What is "Buy American" in a Global Economy?* 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. This Winter Quarter presentation of the Friends of the Libraries Lecture Series is co-sponsored by the Raj Soin College of Business. Find out how and why "Made in China" is prevalent in our shopping, how we personally benefit from global Free Trade Agreements, and the evolution of international trade as more American products are made outside of our borders. He will also present examples of what it means to "Buy American" overseas, from McDonald's to fashion.

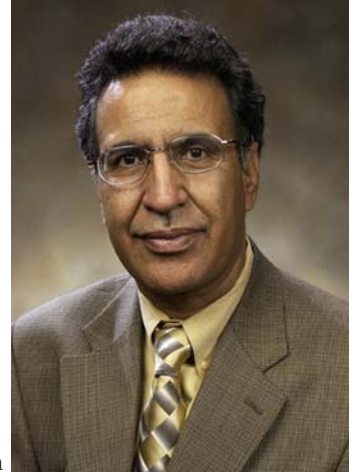


Photo by WSU Center for Teaching & Learning
Dr. Fall Ainina

Dr. Ainina is professor and chair of the Department of Finance and Financial Services for the Raj Soin College of Business, and served as Mauritania's ambassador to the United States under the George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations, 1992-1994. In November, he received the third annual International Education award presented to a member of the WSU community who advances the understanding and appreciation of the global community on campus and abroad.

Free and convenient parking is available directly outside of the Dunbar Library. To register via telephone, please call (937) 775-2380, or register online at:

www.libraries.wright.edu/about/events

Libraries Looking to Update Group Study Room

The University Libraries are raising funds to renovate the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library Group Study Room. University Librarian Stephen Foster plans to transform the room, which has the same layout and furniture from when the building opened in 1973, into a more inviting area that meets modern student needs. Plans include the addition of a permanent cafe area, brighter lighting, more comfortable and easily movable furniture, and hence more versatility for individual and group study. The design also incorporates wireless internet access, laptop portals, and permanent exhibit space.

The renovation is anticipated to begin in August 2005. To contribute and help the Libraries achieve this project, please contact Karin Nevius at (937) 775-2686 or karin.nevius@wright.edu.



Drawing of planned renovation. From Annette Miller Architects, Dayton, Ohio.

Something for everyone @ your library

Ximena Chrisagis Receives Jay Ladd Service Award

Ximena Chrisagis, Health Sciences Librarian, received the 2004 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award from the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) at its annual conference held November 12, 2004, at Sinclair Community College.

The award recognizes an ALAO member who has promoted academic libraries and librarianship within their own campus and throughout the state. The award honors a member who has provided leadership in the promotion of ALAO through service such as committee membership, executive board office, or interest group office.

Ximena has been an ALAO member since March 1996, served as a board member-at-large 1999-2001 and is currently Wright State's ALAO liaison.

She received a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1995 and a Master of Arts in History from Wright State University in 2003. She is a senior member of the Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals and serves as Communication Chair and Newsletter Editor for the Ohio Health Sciences Libraries Association.

The ALAO Distinguished Service Award was renamed in 1998 in memory of Jay Ladd (1932-1997), a librarian from The Ohio State University. He was among the founding members of ALAO in 1973, served as its first secretary-treasurer, and received the award himself in 1989.



Photo by WSU Center for Teaching & Learning
Ximena Chrisagis

Book Discussion Planned for "The Big Read"

A book discussion for The Big Read is slated for 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in the Dunbar Library. The book selected by popular vote last fall is *Nickel and Dimed - On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. The WSU Libraries are one of many area libraries and other groups hosting The Big Read discussions as part of this nationwide

celebration of community, reading and literature. The idea is to draw people together with this common thread of reading the same book.

Have lunch with your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers for fun group discussion. Please call (937) 775-2380 to register. This event is free and open to the public.

Staff News

Senior Library Technical Assistant Kevin Storer was cast as "Balladeer" in the Dayton Theatre Guild play, *The Diviners*, in October. The Guild also cast him as "Godfather Drosselmeier" in its musical production of *The Nutcracker* that ran Nov. 26-Dec. 12.

Archivist **Jane Wildermuth** presented "Digitizing the Wright Brothers Photographic Collection" at the OHIONET Digital Projects Symposium held Oct. 11 at Ohio University.

Jane also served on the History Committee for Miami Township's 175th Anniversary. The committee published a book titled, *Images of America: Miami Township*.

Sue Polanka, Head of Reference & Instruction for Dunbar Library, was named chair of the Training Subcommittee in the OhioLINK User Services Committee.

Sue presented *Reference Assessment Using the Wisconsin-Ohio Reference Evaluation Program (WOREP)* at the OhioLINK Reference Rendezvous held Oct. 22, and hosted and conducted OhioLINK regional dataware training at Wright State on Nov. 3.

Mary Lou Baker Jones, Science & Humanities Librarian, and **Charlotte Droll**, Humanities Librarian, presented a poster session titled, *In-class Reference Assistance: Working with Writing Students in a New Setting*, at the Academic Library Association of Ohio Conference held Nov. 12 at Sinclair Community College.

Patent & Trademark Reference Specialist **Ran Raider** was interviewed by the Library Journal on Nov. 30 for an article about InventorFest '04 published in the Dec. 2 issue of the Library Journal Academic Newswire's *The Publishing Report*.

Staff Changes

Hello

- ♦**Chris Wydman**, University Records Manager
- ♦**Jesse Smith**, Library Associate, Fordham Library

Good-bye

- ♦**Bessie Schina**, University Records Manager

Changes

- ♦**Susan Wehmeyer**, Head of Information Delivery Services, University Libraries (formerly Head of Information Delivery Services for Fordham Health Sciences Library)
- ♦**Solomon Waderie**, Evening Information Delivery Services Manager, Fordham Health Sciences Library (formerly Library Associate)

What's Going On in the Archives?

News from the University Libraries' Special Collections & Archives

NEH Grant to Finance Assessment Survey

Special Collections & Archives has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to finance a consultant to evaluate its collections and facilities.

Dawne Dewey, Head of Special Collections and Archives, explained that physical space and environmental controls have not kept pace with the

acquisition of collections over the years. The grant provides the Libraries with the means to professionally evaluate the facility and collections and establish priorities for improvement.

A letter from the NEH states that the Archives' project is designated a "We the People" project and therefore supported in part by funds the agency has

set aside for this special initiative.

With this final evaluation report in-hand, the Libraries will have concrete material to use for planning plus fundraising to help finance the needed changes and improvements.



Ross A. McFarland Papers, ca. 1849-1980

This new feature spotlights a collection in the Libraries' Special Collections and Archives. A different collection will be featured in each newsletter.

Human Factors Engineering is the focus of the Ross A. McFarland Papers. Considered the father of human factors studies in aviation, McFarland authored *Human Factors in Air Transport Design*, several other books and hundreds of articles. He worked as a researcher at the Harvard University Fatigue Laboratory in the 1930s and 1940s, and joined the Harvard School of Public Health faculty in 1947. He researched the effects of substances such as alcohol, tobacco, and carbon monoxide on human performance; dark adaptation and visual thresholds; anoxia and high-altitude physiology; stress and fatigue in pilots and flight personnel; the physiological and psychological characteristics of pilots; human factors in air and ground vehicle design; health and safety in air and ground transportation; accident prevention; and circadian rhythms in air travel.

McFarland's papers also contain details on McFarland family history, the Harvard University Guggenheim Chair of Aerospace Health and Safety, the Aerospace Medical Association, Pan American Airlines, U.S. military research, the Human Factors Society, and other researchers of similar studies.

The McFarland papers are available to researchers by appointment. To learn more about this and similar collections, please call (937) 775-2092 or visit the Aerospace Medicine and Human Factors Engineering Collections webpage:

www.libraries.wright.edu/special/manuscripts/aeromed.html



An experiment on pilots in a refrigerated altitude chamber, ca. 1940s-1950s.

Photo from the Ross A. McFarland Papers.



Photo by Karin Nevius

Special Collections & Archives hosted a sale of duplicate books and journals on December 17. The sale of aviation books and journals, science books, rare books, and some children's books and paperbacks netted more than \$8,000. Proceeds went to Special Collections & Archives.

Exhibits in the Libraries

Exhibits in the Libraries for Winter Quarter include:

Dunbar Library

- OhioLINK: How a Book Travels
- Katharine Wright: Her Life & Times
- Dayton Bicentennial
- Women Inventors
- African-American Collection: Matthews Howard; The Dayton Urban League
- The Artwork of Walter Matthews Jefferies (January)
- National Engineers Week (February)

The Big Read

Fordham Library

- Ross A. McFarland: The Father of Aviation Human Factors Engineer-

OhioLINK Funding Cuts Will Affect Libraries

OhioLINK faces capital funding cuts and has begun a campaign asking the public to help save library resources. OhioLINK has repeatedly delivered greater access to more content for less money by purchasing content for statewide use. Conversely, with OhioLINK funding cuts, libraries must purchase the resources individually or lose access. Limited library budgets limit local purchases.

State support of Ohio higher education in fiscal year (FY) 2004 decreased 9% per student compared to FY 1990 when adjusted for inflation. Higher education's share of the state budget in FY 2004 was 12% compared to 17% in FY 1990.

OhioLINK is an internationally recognized example of effective and efficient collaboration among higher education institutions. Wright State University Libraries were among the first to join its league and test the services 12 years ago. OhioLINK has dramatically leveraged the purchasing power of libraries and expanded the research and instructional infor-

mation resources at its 88+ member institutions.

If OhioLINK did not exist, academic libraries and their users would be faced with the loss of expanded buying power in electronic research and reference content. Currently more than \$30 million that could be spent individually is transformed into more than \$100 million in electronic content purchases through collective action.

Without OhioLINK, libraries would have to pay three to four times more as individual purchasers to keep the same content that is now available statewide. Ohio's 600,000 students, faculty and staff would have to conduct research in a very different environment without OhioLINK resources.

OhioLINK asks people to contact their state legislators to protect against these funding cuts. To read more from the Support OhioLINK website, link to:

www.ohiolink.edu/supportohiolink

Support
OhioLINK!

Rackham Collection Finds New Home at CMU

The Mary Harbage Collection of works by noted illustrator Arthur Rackham is moving en masse to join the Children's Literature Collection at Central Michigan University.



A Rackham illustration from *Irish Fairy Tales*, authored by James Stephens,

The collection has been housed in the Libraries' Special Collections & Archives since 1986 and consists of more than 100 Rackham-illustrated books.

Wright State ended its children's literature program more than 10 years ago. University Librarian Dr. Stephen Foster and Head of Special Collections & Archives Dawne Dewey decided to offer the collection for sale in order to provide it greater attention in an organization that focuses on children's literature. The sale proceeds will go toward the Archives' main collection focus of aviation and local history.

The collection was advertised to museums and libraries with approval from the collection's guardians and former WSU faculty Mary Lou White and Alice Swinger.

Adams' Post-Election Lecture Draws Civil Crowd

Dr. Robert Adams calmly addressed a potentially volatile topic with "Over at Last! The Hows, Whys, and Whats of Campaign 2004" for the Friends of the Libraries' fall lecture on Nov. 10.

Dr. Adams presented statistics obtained from a debriefing he attended in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 3, that was sponsored jointly by the Brookings Institution, *Congressional Quarterly Weekly*, and the American Enterprise Institute. He showed how close the basic election patterns were for 2000 and 2004, and detailed the main exceptions among voter populations for 2004. He also discussed what worked or didn't work for the Republican and Democratic campaign strategies, and fielded audience questions after his talk.



Dr. Robert Adams interacting with his audience for the Friends' Fall Quarter lecture.

Photo by Karin Nevius

Become a Friend today!

From Barbara Denison, Friends' Board President

The Friends of the Libraries invite you to participate in the Friends' work with Wright State's outstanding libraries. The Friends showcase the Libraries' collections and Wright State faculty through its lecture series and annual luncheon. Speakers in 2004 included Dr. Daniel E. Krane presenting *CSI Dayton*, Dr. Robert Adams giving a post-election analysis, Ambassador Tony Hall explaining the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, and Dr. Charles Larkowski representing centuries of written music.

Since 1995, the Friends have combined with Libraries' staff and other donors to award more than \$68,000 in scholarships to Library Student Assistants. The Friends also collaborate with the WSU Parents Association to honor top student scholars. The Friends support the Libraries in its goals of providing the best collections, services and facilities to the campus and surrounding communities.

The Libraries are a major benefit to the campus and community and are the heart and soul of WSU academics. We invite faculty, staff, students, and community members to join the Friends to show support for the Wright State University Libraries. To join the Friends, please call (937) 775-2380, ask at the Libraries' Circulation Desks OR visit our website at:

www.libraries.wright.edu/friends

-Legacy Book Program- Fall Quarter Donations

The following books were purchased through the Legacy Book Program in Fall Quarter 2004.

In honor of the **WSU Department of English Language & Literatures:**

- *Oscar Wilde: A Life in Letters*
- *Taboo (poems by Yusef Komunyakaa)*
- *Gothic and Gender: An Introduction*
- *Black British Literature*

Legacy Books are a great way to remember birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other events or to honor someone and their interests.

For additional information, please contact Karin Nevius at (937) 775-2686 or karin.nevius@wright.edu.

Start the year out right -
share your interests with others
by buying a Legacy Book!